

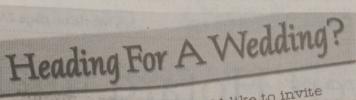
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Students

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about seeing the movie, because she was excited but is sometimes shaken by gore.

"When I usually see graphic can disassociate movies, I myself and say this isn't really happening it is on a set,' Andrews said. "But because I am a Christian and believe this really actually happened it is going to hit me a lot harder than normal movies would."

Andrews said she was anxious to see how the ending with the resurrection would be handled.

Mary Wesson, a sophomore psychology major, said the movie exceeded all her expectations and is the best movie she has ever seen.

"The ending was perfect," Wesson said. "That is what happened. That is how Christ was treated and though most Christians are aware of that., it is nice to have a little reminder what he had to go through for us.' Many people leaving were dry-

ing tears as they passed the long lines waiting to take their seats.

"I hadn't expected to cry," said Misty Gwin, a sophomore biology major. "It was incredibly emotional. The graphic nature of it pulls at your emotions.

Gwin said she didn't notice the movie varying from the Bible, but that she wasn't looking for differences.

"I was really getting the whole message of it," Gwin said. "I see it as an accurate portrayal, but I was trying to absorb the whole message rather than the details.

Gwin said seeing the movie put the story of Christ in a new light.

'I was kind of amazed; I had never thought that much about the words," Gwin said. "The sight is so much different than the words; it is there, you are experiencing it instead of just hearing it."

Hotard

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In response to strong student remarks, Perry told students of a dorm he stayed in during his college years that he compared to Hotard because if its spirit. The dorm was later torn down for development purposes.

The forum provided an opportunity for members of the on-campus community to stand together and to let the administration know how they felt about certain decisions, said Chris Mahaffey, president of the Resident Hall Association.

"If anything was accomplished (it was that) the administration does understand now a little bit more that they're not just reallocating a building," Mahaffey said. "They're taking people's homes away.'

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"I'm like, 'Oh, victor There's more to this mo than just the violence. about triumph."

In New Jersey, 90-year Edna Oatman of Pleasant dressed in her Sunday best her first visit to a movie the since "E.T. The E Terrestrial" in 1982.

"If you read the Bibles you know that Jesus died for whole world, not Christians," said Oatman, saw the film Wednesday me ing. "Maybe this will get per going to church."

"If you intellectualize movie, the message is on love. But emotionally, if any is on the border of hating l this will push you over," Rabbi Bernhard H. Rosen chief rabbi of Congregation] El in Edison, N.J. He also te es Holocaust studies at Rug University.

"With all the publicity, Gibson is laughing all the wa the bank," Rosenberg said a seeing the film. "Theaters going to be packed, and pockets will be lined."

Following months of h curiosity about the movie se almost insatiable. Advance ti sales hit \$10 million, distrib Newmarket Films reported week - evidence of the ski marketing campaign and w of-mouth buzz as the film screened for private, often c servative Christian audience Newmarket opened the

on Ash Wednesday, the first of Lent, the Catholic Chun period of penitence, sacril and reflection before Easter.

Churches from coast to o reserved entire theaters for op. ing day, while the Nation Association of Evangelic which represents more than denominations with 43,000 gregations, helped sell tickets its Web site.

In Plano, churchgoer Bonnema bought out the Cinemark Tinseltown 20 theat for Wednesday moming, spen ing \$42,000 of his own mon on 6,000 tickets.

"When you see the sacrif that Jesus made, it makes feel like, I have to do someth better with my life," said the 5 year-old Bonnema, a lifelo Christian inspired to act aft seeing the movie.



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